

## ARTHUR ON FAMILY NAMES.

## THE SIGNIFICANCE GIVEN THEM BY THE FATHER OF THE PRESIDENT.

A Work in Which the President Anticipates the Prophetic Name of Garfield—Meaning of Cuckoo, Grant, Blaine, Logan, and Cameron—Surnames of the Senators, &c.

The derivation and importance of family names as a favorite study with the late President Arthur, the father of the President, for many years he was engaged in the compilation of a list of names and their significance, which he completed in 1855, while living at New York, Albany County, in this State. His work was published in this city in 1857. The title is: "An Etymological Dictionary of Family and Christian Names, with an Essay on their Derivation and Import, by William Arthur, A. M." The book was published by Sheldon, Bookman & Co. of New York. It is scarce now, and is rarely to be found on the bookstands. It contains from 250 to 280 surnames, with their meaning, and about 500 Christian or baptismal names. In the introduction the author treats of the customs that prevailed among various races and nations in naming their young. He says that the ancient Hebrews retained the greatest simplicity in the use of names, and that the names named their children the eighth day after the nativity; the Greeks on the tenth day, when an entertainment was given by the parents to their friends and sacrifices were offered to the gods. The Romans gave names to their young children on the eighth day, and to their maidens on the ninth, which they called the day of purification, when they solemnized a feast called Nominatio. A majority of the names in the book appear to be of Gaelic or Celtic and Saxon origin. The names prefixed Fitz, the Welsh Ap, and the Irish Mac, are of Celtic origin. All names, says the author, "must have been given by the father."

President Arthur says that he assisted his father in the compilation of the book. One of the names is that of Garfield. The meaning attached to it becomes unusually significant when it is known that it has recently appeared in the name of the President.

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## QUESTIONS OF IDENTITY.

## THREE MEN HELD FOR KILLING A MAN THEY HAD NEVER SEEN.

What Cause of Giving a False Name to Justice Bixby—Further Particulars as to the Paterson Milk Manufacturer's Death.

When Chief of Police Grout of Paterson, N. J., informed Superintendent Walling on Saturday morning that Mr. John J. Scott, of Paterson, had died of injuries inflicted by thieves in this city, steps were at once taken to secure the arrest of the guilty men. Chief Grout said that on Tuesday night Mr. Scott was robbed and assaulted. Two thieves, he said, had been arrested, and Mr. Scott had appeared before the magistrate for the assault. The city within the jurisdiction of the Tombs Police Court. The exact time of the assault was not known. Mr. Thomas S. Wheelock, of 59 Lispenard street, had given \$100 bail for Mr. Scott's appearance as a witness to-day. Mr. Wheelock was asked for the assumed name which Mr. Scott had given, but he declined to give any information.

Superintendent Walling and Chief Grout went to the Tombs Police Court and laid the above information before Justice Bixby. Superintendent Walling says Justice Bixby told them that Mr. Wheelock had given bail for a man who gave his name as Edward Murray of 120 Essex street, Jersey City. Murray claimed to be a bookkeeper and a landowner in the valley and a little brook runs through the town. He was a native of New Jersey, and his father was a farmer. He was a native of New Jersey, and his father was a farmer. He was a native of New Jersey, and his father was a farmer.

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## GUILTEAU'S CASE IN NEW JERSEY.

## A MOST BRUTAL HUSBAND.

Terminating His Wife's Life Years, and then Seeking Her Death.

Thomas McKewen, a man, was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, for stabbing his wife, Maria, who will probably die of the wound. They had not lived together for eight years, and she had obtained a decree of separation from him. Justice Otterberg remanded McKewen to await the action of the Grand Jury, and in the afternoon the Coroner took Mrs. McKewen's statement. McKewen was locked up in the Thirty-seventh street police station.

McKewen married Maria Dury in 1869, and they had two children, both of whom are dead. He soon began to drink, and treated his wife badly. He spent his wages in saloons, and pawned her clothing. When drunk, he smashed the furniture in the house and beat her cruelly. She refused to live with him. This made him angry, and he frequently made threats against her. He was a violent man, and he was a violent man. He was a violent man, and he was a violent man.

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## IN AND OUT OF WALL STREET.

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Battery Boatmen Undoubtedly by the Storm—A Claim and a Challenge.

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